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WANDA HUGHES (left) of The Monday Morning Quilters takes a picture of Mrs. Claus holding "Punch," Josh and Lindsey Morgan's beagle while their other dog "Molly" waits her turn patiently. The quilting group sponsored the pictures with the money to benefit the Hopkins County Humane Society. photo by Charlie Beshears

JAN. 31 AT PENNYRILE

Chamber/Commerce To Host Community Appreciation Dinner

By
Carolyn Walker

The December meeting of the Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday at the Darby House. Melissa Heflin, Main Street manager, conducted the meeting in president Jenny Sewell's absence.

Heflin said a community appreciation dinner has been set for Jan. 31 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. The dinner, which is open to the public, will be held in honor of local business people and those who have worked in the areas of community and economic development.

Heflin also commented on the Christmas parade and lighting ceremony held Dec. 2. Both events went very well.

"We couldn't have asked for better weather," she said.

Heflin added that the Rev. E.J. and Becky Hatton, who received the community service award, were "very shocked but appreciative."

Members discussed the Christmas home tour scheduled for Sunday. The tour is sponsored by the Dawson Springs High School Class of 2013 and includes the Darby House, the museum and the lodge at Pennyrile. Refreshments will be served at all three locations.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Darby House at 12:30 p.m. Sunday or may be purchased in advance from any senior class member or in the high school office.

Three private houses are on the tour: the McGee home at 108 W. Walnut St., the Wooton home at 1365 Industrial Park Road, and the King home at 108 Hamby Ave.

The group began compiling a list of activities for its 2013 calendar of events.

The next meeting is scheduled for noon Jan. 8 at the Darby House.

BEWARE SEASONAL CAUSES OF HOME FIRES

Help Keep Holidays Festive

Holiday cooking, Christmas trees, candles and holiday decorations significantly contribute to the seasonal causes of home fires according to Kentucky State Fire Marshal Bill Swope, director of the state Division of Fire Prevention.

"The holiday season can remain festive and fun by taking preventative steps and following simple rules of thumb to prevent home fires," said Swope. "My advice is to stay in your kitchen while cooking, consider using flameless candles and follow the rules for placing and lighting your Christmas tree."

Swope said most cooking fires involve the stovetop, so keep anything that can catch fire away from it, turn off the stove when leaving the kitchen even for a short time and use a timer as a reminder that cooking is taking place.

December is the peak month for home candle fires according to the National Fire Protection Association, and Swope recommends giving flameless candles a try.

"But if you use traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle."

According to NFPA, U.S. fire departments respond to about 230 home fires caused by Christmas trees each year. One of every three is caused by electrical problems, and one in five resulted from a heat source that is too close to the tree. Swope offers the following advice on tree safety:

•Choose a tree with fresh needles that do not fall off when touched.

•Before placing a tree in a stand, cut 1 to 2 inches from the base of the trunk.

•Place the tree at least 3 feet away from any heat source, including fireplaces, heat vents, radiators, candles and even lights.

•Use strings of light that have the label of an independent testing laboratory.

•Do not block exits with the Christmas tree.

•Add water to the tree stand daily.

•Do not use lit candles to decorate the tree.

•Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

•When needles begin dropping off a live tree, get rid of it. Many communities have recycling programs for the disposal of trees.

•Take down outside lights after Christmas and store them for next year. Decorations left outside can become hazards.

POLICIES REVIEWED

Good News Reported To Elementary SBDM

By
Carolyn Walker

Elementary principal Jennifer Ward gave a good news report at Monday's SBDM meeting, announcing two Academic Team winners. Kylie Littlejohn placed fourth in arts and humanities, and Riley Howton placed fifth in social studies. Ward also reported seven students in math RTI are moving up from Tier 2 to Tier 1. Fifth and sixth grade students wrote cards to the military for Christmas, and the middle school basketball season ended with a 3-4 record for the sixth and seventh grade boys and a 4-6 record for the sixth through eighth grade team.

"We've got some great things to be excited about. We have a lot to be proud of," Ward said.

The budget report showed a remaining balance of $12,215.64. As of Dec. 5, 62.2 percent of the year's allocation had been used.

"This is just fine," Ward said. "We're doing very well this year with our money."

Five council policies were reviewed with only one minor change. The date adopted had been omitted from the Program Review Policy created last year. The date was added, but the policy itself was unchanged.

The policies for program appraisal, principal selection, instructional and noninstructional staff time assignment, and extra-curricular programs were approved as read.

Upcoming events include the second quarter attendance awards tomorrow (Friday), the Mistletoe Ball for fifth through eighth grades Saturday and Christmas break beginning Dec. 19. Students return to class Jan. 3, and report cards go out Jan. 9.

SPONSORED BY DAWSON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013

Christmas Tour To Feature 3 Homes, 3 Places Of Interest

By
Carolyn Walker

Three local places of interest and three private homes will open their doors to the public Sunday afternoon for a Christmas tour from 1 to 5 p.m..

On the tour, sponsored by the Dawson Springs High School Class of 2013, are the Darby House, the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center and Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park Lodge, along with the homes of Kevin and Tracey McGee, Jerry and Lori Wooton and Mike and Janice King.

Tickets are $5 each and are available from any senior class member and at the high school office. Tickets can also be purchased beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Darby House where refreshments will be served.

The Darby House, now home to the Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street program, is located on West Arcadia Avenue. The house was built in 1886 by Dr. Andy G. Darby as a private residence and the first medical offices in Dawson Springs. It was converted into a boarding house in 1918. The final occupant was Elizabeth Hess, Darby's granddaughter. Hess, who died in 1992, left the house to the First Baptist Church, and a group of local citizens later purchased the property, the last remaining boarding house from Dawson Springs' mineral water days. It has been preserved as a link to that era.



THE DARBY HOUSE

Traditional decorations in a blue and silver color scheme have been used in the Victorian style house which includes several collections. In the sewing room, antique irons, examples of handwork and stitching and a treadle sewing machine are on display. Dr. Darby's office is set up with a collection of medical instruments and antique bottles. The kitchen is decorated in a snowman theme, and in the transportation room, a streetscape depicts how Dawson Springs would have looked in its heyday with a train running through the downtown.



McGEE HOME

Main Street Manager Melissa Heflin hopes people who have never been to the Darby House will visit to see the work that has been done.

The McGees now live in the former Ridley Bed and Breakfast located at 108 W. Walnut St. The Victorian style home, a Sears Roebuck kit house, was built in the early 1900s. For the past year it has been the home of Kevin and Tracey McGee, Hunter McGee and Presly Todd. It will be the gathering place for Christmas dinner for Tracey's entire family.

Tracey describes her decorating style as eclectic, with multiple styles of tree ornaments and other Christmas decorations indoors and a mixture of traditional and modern exterior decorations. She would most like visitors to notice the variety and individuality of each room's décor.

The Wooton's ranch style home on Industrial Park Road was built in 1960 with a major addition completed in 2000. Lori, who has lived there for 22 years, shares the home with her husband and two dogs, Sophie and Tucker. The house will be full for Christmas dinner when the Wootons will host her daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Derrick Scott, and Jerry's son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Nikki Wooton, and their sons Aiden and Jaxon.

Among Lori's favorite decorations is a nativity set which belonged to her late aunt for whom she was named. Although she has been a Santa Claus collector for years, only a few of her 52 Santas will be displayed, along with special items she has received as gifts. Ornaments on the large tree in the living room and the small tree in a bedroom are monochromatic, with shades of off white, caramel, silver and gold.

Natural materials, such as pine cones, burlap, greenery and gourds, are prominent in Lori's decorating scheme. She hopes visitors will appreciate the simplicity of her decorations which feature traditional reds and greens outdoors and more muted tones inside.

Since its formation in 1986, the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center has been located at 127 S. Main St. in the original Commercial Bank building, which dates back to the turn of the 20th century and is on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

The holiday exhibit at the museum

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Victim's Stepson Arrested For An Attempted Murder

Sherry Brasher, 66, of Nortonville, is in stable condition at an unnamed hospital following an assault Dec. 2.

Hopkins County sheriff's deputies responding to the scene at 50 E. Pine St. in Nortonville discovered the victim had been assaulted with an edged weapon. She underwent emergency surgery for her injuries.

During the investigation Curtis Brasher, the victim's stepson, was identified as a suspect. A warrant for attempted murder was obtained for Curtis Brasher who was located Dec. 4 in Nashville, Tenn. He was taken into custody by Nashville police and is currently lodged in the Davidson County Jail awaiting extradition to Kentucky.

Detective Will Coursey was the reporting deputy.

Madisonville Woman Killed By Train In Mortons Gap

The Hopkins County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a Madisonville woman who was discovered on the train tracks in Mortons Gap. The sheriff's office was notified Dec. 6 by CSX that a northbound train crew had observed an unresponsive subject on the tracks near Ed Bracket Lane.

Deputy Jamie Lampton discovered Lisa Sullivan, 36, at the scene. She was pronounced dead by Coroner Dennis Mayfield. Preliminary results of an autopsy conducted Dec. 7 in Louisville indicate Sullivan died from blunt force trauma caused by being struck by a train.

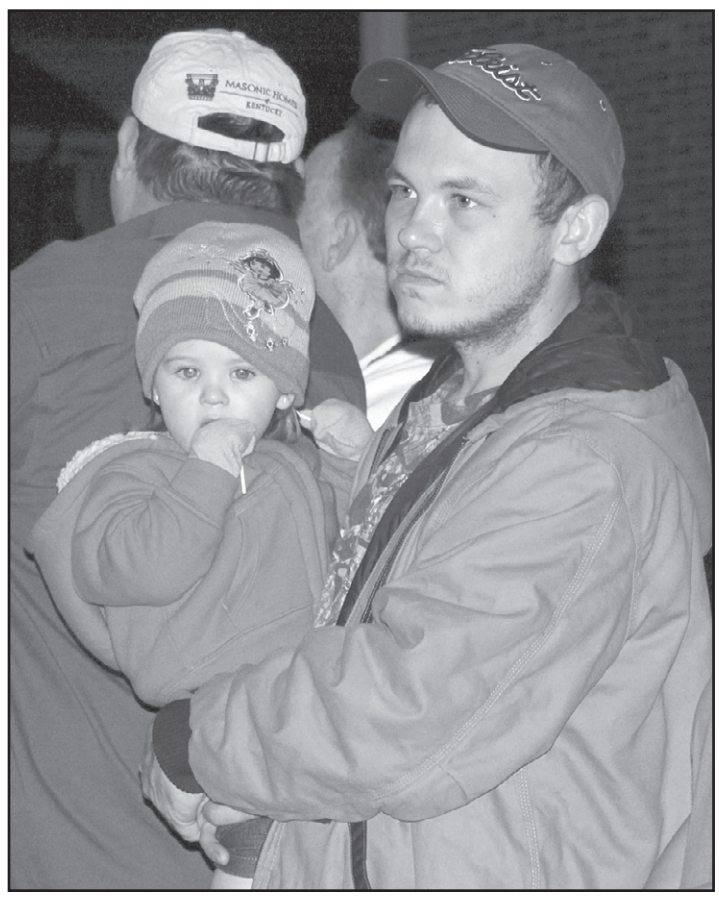
The case is still under investigation, pending a final report from the medical examiner's office. Detective Will Coursey was the reporting deputy.

County Child Support Unit Awarded For Excellence

Todd P'Pool, Hopkins County Attorney, and the Hopkins County Child Support Unit received the Child Support Enforcement Outstanding Performance Award in a ceremony in Frankfort Nov. 29. This is the fourth consecutive year the Hopkins County Child Support Unit has been the recipient of this state level award.

"Shaun McEntire is a force to reckon with when it comes to child support prosecution. She is a tough prosecutor, and she and the staff deserve all the credit for our excellent numbers," P'Pool said.

The Child Support Unit is currently ranked 12th of 120 counties in Kentucky.



MADELYN STEVENS, with her dad, Zach, watches the Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 2, in downtown Dawson Springs.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Jimmy L. Abbott Jr., 40, 19187 Dawson Springs Road, was arrested Dec. 3 on West Arcadia Avenue. He was charged with second-degree criminal trespassing (Christian County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—James R. Felkins, 21, 208 S. Hopkinsville Road, was arrested Dec. 4 on Pine Street. He was charged with failure to pay fines (Hopkins County bench warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Sarah N. Hill, 27, 4923 Sherman Oaks Drive, Nashville, Tenn., was cited Dec. 5 on Ky. 109 North. She was charged with obstructed vision and/or windshield and operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Misty D. Paulin, 35, 1014 Hospital Road, was arrested Dec. 6 at her residence. She was charged with theft of identity of another without consent. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson. The warrant was obtained as a result of a month long criminal investigation.

—Austin D. Bennett, 19, 5840 House Bridge Road, Corydon, was arrested Dec. 6 on Sycamore Street. He was charged with probation violation (Henderson County bench warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

Two local residents were charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

–Yolanda F. Morse, Howton Road, was charged Dec. 6 with failure to appear in court.

—Sarah E. Hillman, 25, 4350 Charleston Road, was charged Dec. 7 with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and disregarding a stop light.

Indictments for the following Dawson Springs residents were returned Nov. 27 by a Hopkins County grand jury:

—Adam Gray, 36, 3921 Niles Road, receiving stolen property.

—Kasey Hale, 27, 450 W. Broadway, Madisonville, or 408 Holmes St., Dawson Springs, trafficking in methamphetamine and persistent felony offender.

—Joseph Jennings, 51, homeless, two counts of burglary, four counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, alcohol intoxication, three counts of criminal trespass and persistent felony offender.

—Anthony Neisz, 45, 2000 Paul Peyton Road, intimidating a witness.

Illinois Couple Arrested At Mortons Gap Truck Stop

The Kentucky State Police, along with the U.S. Marshals Service, arrested two individuals wanted in Illinois.

At approximately 3:47 p.m. Dec. 5, troopers arrested John L. Cunningham Jr., 41, of Windsor, Ill., and his wife, Janet S. Cunningham, 43, at the Mortons Gap Pilot Truck Stop. The Cunninghams were wanted by Illinois authorities for aggravated battery, armed robbery and vehicle theft.

The couple was located at the truck stop inside the stolen vehicle. They were arrested without incident and transported to the Hopkins County Detention Center where they were charged with fugitive from justice.

18 Killed In 15 Crashes On Highways Last Week

Eighteen people died in 15 separate crashes on Kentucky roads from Dec. 3 through Dec. 9.

One quadruple-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in Trigg County. The suspected use of alcohol was involved, and none of the victims were wearing seat belts.

One single-fatality crash occurred in each of the following counties: Edmonson, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Graves, Harlan, Jefferson, Jessamine, Kenton, Laurel and Lee. The suspected use of alcohol was involved in the crash in Jessamine County, and the victim was not wearing a seat belt. The victims in Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin and Lee counties also were not wearing seat belts.

One pedestrian was killed in each of the following counties: Jefferson, Kenton and Muhlenberg.

Through Dec. 9, preliminary statistics indicate 696 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2012. This is four more than reported for this time period in 2011.

Of the 552 motor vehicle fatalities, 304 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 73 motorcycle fatalities, 38 were not wearing helmets. Eleven of the 13 ATV fatalities were not wearing helmets. Fifty pedestrians, one scooter/moped rider and seven bicycle riders have been killed. A total of 127 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

16 Killed In 15 Crashes In State Nov. 26-Dec. 2

Sixteen people died in 15 separate crashes on Kentucky roads from Nov. 26 through Dec. 2.

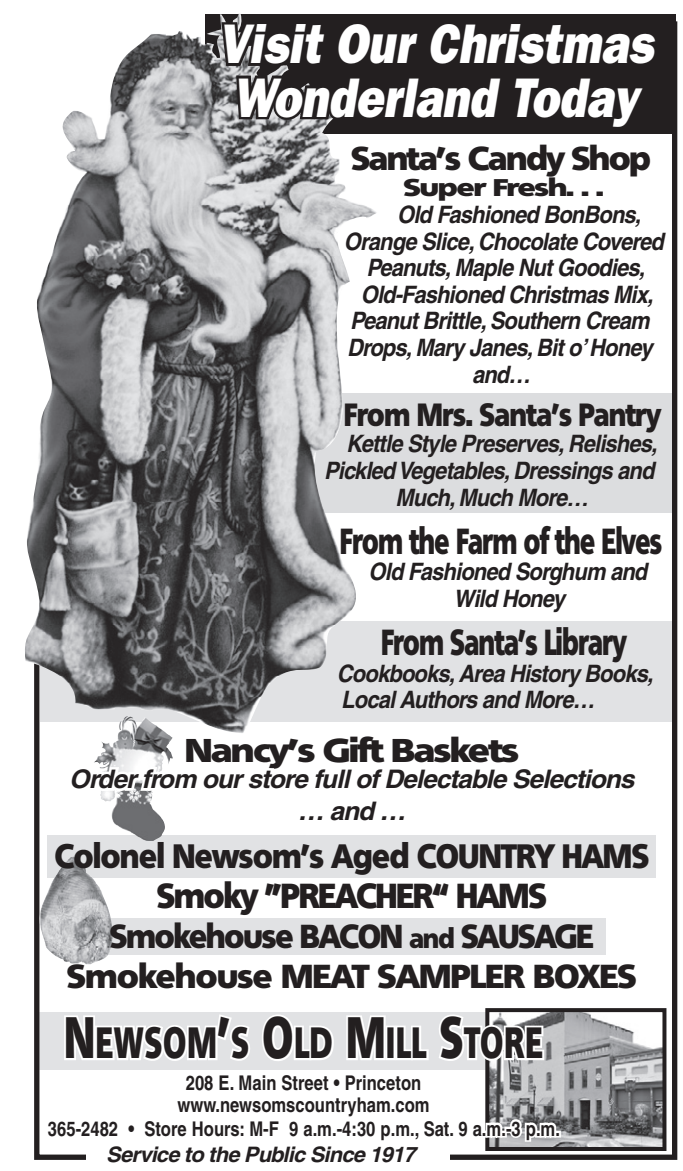
One double-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in Floyd County. The suspected use of alcohol was involved. Two single-fatality motor vehicle crashes occurred in Pulaski County. One single-fatality crash also occurred in each of the following counties: Crittenden, Graves, Hopkins, Jefferson, Knott, Livingston, Lyon, Montgomery, Trigg and Webster. The suspected use of alcohol was involved in the crashes in Crittenden and Lyon counties. The victims in Graves, Knott, Livingston and Montgomery counties were not wearing seat belts.

One bicycle rider was killed in Hardin County. One pedestrian was killed in Jefferson county, and the suspected use of alcohol was involved.

Through Dec. 2, preliminary statistics indicate 678 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2012. This is four fewer than reported for this time period in 2011.

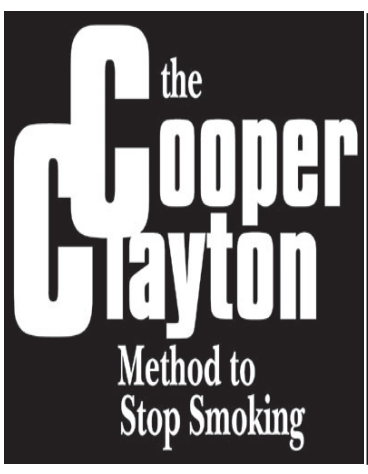
Of the 537 motor vehicle fatalities, 295 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 73 motorcycle fatalities, 38 were not wearing helmets. Eleven of the 13 ATV fatalities were not wearing helmets. Forty-seven pedestrians, one scooter/moped rider and seven bicycle riders have been killed. A total of 123 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.











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Memorial For Doris Cook Scheduled For Tomorrow

Memorial services for Doris Cook, 63, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until the funeral hour.

Mrs. Cook died Dec. 8, 2012, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was a housekeeper at Dawson Pointe Health Care Center.

Survivors include her husband, Waymon Jackson Cook, Dawson Springs; two sons, Elmer Bolden Kruse, Dawson Springs, and Donnie Lee Lowery, Princeton; two daughters, Tina Wirth and Connie Oliver, both Dawson Springs; a stepson, Leroy Lowery, Eddyville; three sisters, Rose Capps and Edith Adamson, both Princeton, and Nell Vowell, Valdosta, Ga.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven stepchildren and several stepgrandchildren.

Graveside Service Today For Imogene Menser, 93

Graveside services for Imogene Hancock Menser, 93, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 11:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at Rosedale Cemetery. The Rev. Larry Davidson will officiate. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at Beshear Funeral Home.

Mrs. Menser died Dec. 10, 2012, at Baptist Health in Madisonville.

She was born May 17, 1919, in Caldwell County, to the late Robert L. and Autha Dearing Perry.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Dawson Springs.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Hancock; her second husband, Omer Menser; a stepdaughter, Juanita Redman; three sisters; and three brothers.



IMOGENE MENSER

Survivors include a son, Don Hancock, Madisonville; two grandchildren; two step grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 77, Dawson Springs, KY 42408 or Dawson Springs Branch Library, 103 W. Ramsey St., Dawson Springs, KY 42408.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries are published free of charge as a public service by The Dawson Springs Progress. Information is provided by funeral homes and the funeral home is responsible for accuracy. Free obituaries may include the following: person's name, age, address, date of death, date and place of services, minister, burial site and memorial contributions. Survivors and those who preceded the deceased in death will include spouse's name, childrens' names, number of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren and siblings' names. Also included is place of birth, date of birth, parents' names, one occupation or former occupation if retired, service club memberships, church membership, pall bearers and if they graduated from Dawson Springs High School. Paid obituaries will include any information the family wishes to submit. The charge for a paid obituary is $3.50 per column inch.

OBITUARIES

Services Are Held Sunday For Lois Blackburn, 79

The funeral for Lois Roseland Blackburn, 79, was held Sunday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. Darrell Gates officiated. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

Mrs. Blackburn died Dec. 5, 2012, at Baptist Health in Madisonville.

She was born April 2, 1933, in Caldwell County, to the late Charlie and Lois Kingery Hooper.

She worked in the Dawson Springs school cafeteria.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, J.L. Hester; four brothers, James R. Hooper, Fred Hooper, Dennis Hooper and Ed Hooper.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Hayden, Dawson Springs, and Judy Krantz, Madisonville; a son, Danny Jo Hester, West Virginia; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



LOIS BLACKBURN

Pallbearers were Raymond Hayden, Chris Laureano, Shane Kenady, Travis Lussier, Jason Laureano and Bill Dunbar.

Arrangements Are Pending For Anna Louise Adams. 85

Arrangements are pending at Beshear Funeral Home for Anna Louise Adams, 85.

Mrs. Adams died Dec. 10, 2012, at Caldwell Medical Center.

The Holiday Season Is Not A Happy Time For Everybody

The holidays are here, and while this may be a joyous time for most, it can have the opposite impact on others.

While the economy has shown signs of improvement, there is still pressure on many people who may not be able to afford the kind of Christmas they have had in the past. The loss of a loved one this past year can also contribute to a person's having less than the holiday spirit, as can many other stressors.

Shorter days often contribute to seasonal adjustment disorders. Couple this with the stress of activities involving family, friends, school, church and work, and some people may not be in the most festive of moods.

Therapists at the Pennyroyal Center see an increase in clients facing these kinds of emotions during the month of December. They say the best remedy is to talk. Talk to friends, neighbors, relatives, church leaders or a professional therapist. Understand that going through these emotions is not uncommon. It is important to cut back on some of the activities that are causing the most stress and to change old traditions to fit new situations.

Anyone who needs help facing the holidays can call the Pennyroyal Center RESPOND hotline at 1-877-473-7766 or 881-9551 in Christian County. Licensed Clinical Assessors are available 24 hours a day to help those who require time with a therapist.

10 State Forest Properties Are Awarded Certifications

Six state forest properties (Green River, Kentenia, Kentucky Ridge, Pennyrile, Peterson and Tygarts) owned by the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) and four state forest properties jointly-owned by KDF and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (Big Rivers, Knobs, Marion County Wildlife Management Area and Marrowbone) were recently awarded American Tree Farm certification through the Center for Forest and Wood Certification's Independently Managed Group. The properties – totaling 43,327 acres – are owned and managed for the purpose of recreation, wildlife management, timber production and demonstration of sound forest management methods.

The new designation indicates that the state is using best management practices to keep the forests healthy and productive. Forest certification is also a means of notifying consumers that a wood or paper product comes from forests managed according to a set of environmental and social standards. The "certification" label on a wood product is much like the "organically grown" sticker on produce and is meant to address a growing demand by consumers who want to purchase products that come from well-managed forests that are sustainably and legally harvested.

"Tree farm certification recognizes that our state forests are well-managed and our work on state forests is verified by independent third party auditors," said Leah MacSwords, director of KDF. "This designation not only recognizes our management efforts, but also helps Kentucky's forest products stay competitive in a market where certification standards are desired."

"Certification with the American Tree Farm System® (ATFS) assures that Kentucky's state forests are meeting the highest standards of sustainability. The partnership between ATFS and KDF's leadership will help keep Kentucky's forests healthy and productive for generations to come," said Bettina Ring, senior vice president for family forests at the American Forest Foundation (AFF). The American Tree Farm System is a program of AFF."

"The certification of Kentucky's state forests with the Center for Forest and Wood Certification's American Tree Farm System group indicates KDF's commitment to sustainable management of the commonwealth's forests," said Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky forestry specialist and director of operations at the Center for Forest and Wood Certification. "While certainly the division has undertaken excellent management of our state forests for some time, the third party certification that it has recently undergone acknowledges this fact."

Criteria for certification involve a wide range of environmental issues including everything from minimizing the use of chemical pesticides to keeping forests diverse. Reforestation, harvesting methods, maintaining water quality, and managing for the conservation of wildlife and plant species are all aspects of forest management that are required. Once a property has been certified, an annual inspection is conducted to ensure that the standards are maintained. The owner must also reapply for certification every five years.

KDF and the American Tree Farm System also provide tools to family woodland owners to improve stewardship on their lands.

Gospel Jubilee Has Special Guest

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilsley, will feature Donnie Harris' Praise and Worship Ministry from Cadiz at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Friday).

There is no admission charge. A love offering and donations will be accepted.

For information, phone 875-6248 or 875-6249.

Martha Deloris Smith



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Roger Felker, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CASTLEBERRY GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Ky.
Dwight Brown, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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Rev. E. J. Hatton, Pastor
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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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Bro. Donnie Howton, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
550 Walnut Grove Road
Thomas Childers, Pastor
Sun. Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Evangelistic, 6 p.m.
Wed. Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.
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ILSLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. Danny Earl, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Union Temple Road
Rev. Bobby McKnight, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

DAYSPRING ASSEMBLY OF GOD
55 E. Lee Wilson Stevens Dr.
Rev. Kathy S. Redden, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study, 10 a.m.

DUNN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 109 North
Bro. Ricky Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

MIDWAY VALLEY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Highway 62 West
Bro. Willard Walls, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
Junction 1294 & 293
Rev. Harold Salyers, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Walnut Street
Elder Jeff Winfrey, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM APOSTOLIC CHURCH
Ilsley, Ky.
Rev. Monty Fuller, Pastor
Sunday Morning, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 5 p.m.
Monday Night, 7 p.m.
Paryer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BETHEL CHAPEL GENERAL BAPTIST
Bro. Donnie Rogers, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

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LBL Announces Schedule For Eagle Viewing Trips

Several opportunities are available again this year to participate in eagle viewing trips at Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area.

Van trips and river cruises will be offered in January and February.

LBL guides take visitors to the best wildlife viewing hot spots on the 170,000-acre National Recreation Area. Visitors will most likely see migratory bald eagles, gulls and other waterfowl, as well as native wildlife species, such as deer and turkey.

Eagles can be viewed December through February.

Van trips meet and depart from the Golden Pond Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated.

Dress appropriately for the weather, wear shoes suitable for moderate walking, and don't forget to bring binoculars and field guides.

Back by popular demand, LBL hosts a weekend of river cruises Jan. 19-21, including a special Martin Luther King Jr. Day cruise Jan. 21, for up close views of eagles from the water.

Despite cold temperatures that usually keep people indoors, bald eagles thrive in winter conditions. What better way to view bald eagles than on a river cruise in the comforts of the CQ Princess? The 96-foot luxury yacht offers wonderful views from both outside on deck and indoors.

Reservations and full deposits are required for all trips. Because eagle excursions are very popular, early reservations are encouraged. Gift certificates are available.



COUSINS, Madison Giese, 7, and Elissa Adams, 6, watch the Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 2, in downtown Dawson Springs.

Governor Appoints Evans

Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed John M. Evans to the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors to serve for a term expiring Oct. 26, 2016.

Evans, of Princeton, is retired. He represents citizens at large. The appointment replaces Frankie L. Nelson, whose term has expired.

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Hart Co. Farmer Reduces Heat Bills With New System

By
Katie Pratt

As the temperatures drop, many people are wondering how they can reduce winter energy costs, and one Hart County producer may have it figured out.

Paul Dennison, a grower of various horticultural crops and tobacco in Horse Cave, hopes to eliminate an energy bill this winter after installing a biomass gasification boiler this past spring at his farming operation.

"If this thing is as efficient as I'm hoping, we won't have to buy any more propane," he said.

Dennison installed the boiler with the help of Chris Clark, Hart County agriculture and natural resources agent with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Clark connected Dennison with personnel in the UK Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, who were conducting on-farm energy audits for farmers as part of a grant the UK Cooperative Extension Service received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The audit helped Dennison determine whether the boiler might be more efficient than his current heat source, propane. The audit also helped him secure partial funding for the project from the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy's On-Farm Energy Efficiency and Production Assistance program, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"The boiler is energy efficient and environmentally friendly," Clark said. "I think it addresses a lot of issues that we're looking at as a nation in being ecologically sound."

Dennison's boiler provides heat for his five greenhouses, a roadside market and other buildings, which previously used 2,000 gallons of propane each winter. He uses wood from old fencerows and the forest on his farm to heat the water in the boiler. The boiler pipes the water underground to an air-heat exchanger, which blows warm air into each of the structures.

The unit is rated at 95 percent efficiency, and Dennison was impressed with the amount of heat it produced during the short period it was active in the spring.

"It's amazing how much heat will come off the radiator," he said. "It really feels like a big gas furnace."

In addition to lowering his energy costs, the boiler may help Dennison keep his roadside market open longer this year.

"We might possibly decide to stay open until Christmas, because if the stove proves to be efficient, we won't have a heating bill to contend with," he said..

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Nov. 29 through Dec. 6.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

Catering & Creations — 100

No violations.

The Crowded House — 91

Minor violations:

•Fryer vents in need of cleaning

•Soiled linens not properly stored

•Wet rag not properly stored

•Foam containers not properly stored

•Heating/cooling unit in need of cleaning

•Eggs not properly stored

•Lid needed on trash can in restroom.

Denny's Restaurant— 98

Minor violations:

•Water standing in small stainless cooling unit in kitchen by sink

•Food spillage in cooling unit by grill.

El Bracero — 92

Minor violations:

•Food and liquid spillage in walk-in cooler

•Dumpster overflowing onto ground

•Bowl used as scoop

•Raw meat stored above onions and lemons

•Dust and lint buildup in walk-in above door and on conduit

•Dish baskets stored on floor.

Golden Glaze Donut Shop — 99

Minor violation:

•Inside lip of ice machine needs cleaning.

HoBo Mickey's Pizza House — 100

No violations.

Nanna's Place — 100

No violations.

The Oaks Personal Care Home — 100

No violations.

Shorty's BBQ — 100

No violations.

Walmart — 98

Minor violations:

•Broken light shield in milk cooler

•Jackets hanging throughout bakery.

County Woman Receives Five Star Service Award

Angie K. Hamby was presented the "5 Star Service Award for Outstanding Service" to Hopkins County Dec. 4 by County Attorney Todd P'Pool. Hamby, a native of Hopkins County, is married to Darren Hamby and has two children, Lexie and Kanen. She studied business at Madisonville Community College and has spent the majority of her career in the banking industry.

Hamby was hired by the Hopkins County Attorney's Office in 2009 to develop its Delinquent Tax Collection Program. Since the program's inception, nearly 300 Hopkins County families have been saved from foreclosure, and more than $1 million has been collected for the county.

"I am honored to present Angie with this award. She has done an outstanding job for our agency and is an example of excellence," P'Pool stated.

St. Charles Dispute Ends With Man Being Stabbed

A St. Charles woman was arrested on assault charges Saturday by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Mark Gentry responded to the report of a disturbance and discovered Thomas Hickerson, 30, had been stabbed. An investigation revealed the victim and Amber Martin, 24, had been involved in a struggle. Hickerson was stabbed in the chest when he bumped into Martin during the altercation.

Hickerson was transported to Baptist Health Madisonville where he underwent surgery.

Martin was arrested and lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center, charged with first-degree assault.

The sheriff's office was assisted by Med Center Ambulance Service and the Kentucky State Police.

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ANDY HALL directs the Dawson Springs Middle School Band during the annual Christmas band concert held Sunday at the local school.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

Gasoline Prices Have Fallen 5.9 Cents During Past Week

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 5.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging $3.30 Sunday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.8 cents in the past week to $3.34 per gallon, according to gasoline price Web site KentuckyGasPrices.com.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of Tuesday morning were $3.23 a gallon, 12 cents less than one week ago.

Prices in Kentucky Sunday were 8.9 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 12.2 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 5.5 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has continued to see a steady decline over the last week, and that trend will likely continue through this week at the very least," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. "Last week, the Energy Information Administration reported one of the largest single week increases in gasoline inventories in my recent memory, which will likely contribute downward pressure to wholesale gasoline prices in the days and perhaps weeks ahead."

Senior's Christmas Tour Will Be Sunday

—Continued from front page

consists primarily of lighted Christmas village sets from the collection of Virginia Chaney. An inside wall above a display case features the names of the current board of directors made by Wanda Hughes. The remaining walls in the main gallery are adorned with Santa Claus prints donated to the museum by former curator Claude Holeman. A decorated tree stands in the center of the gallery, and tables are set for a Christmas party.



MUSEUM & ART CENTER

The cottage style home of Mike and Janice King and Bridgett Ladd is located at 108 Hamby Ave. The former Gentry house was built in the early 1920s, and Janice and her family have lived there for 17 years. Approximately 20 family members will gather there for Christmas.

The home is decorated inside and out, an approximately two-month project. Icicles line the rooftop, and a wreath and swags highlight the front door and carriage lamps. Indoors, poinsettias adorn the mantle piece, and a large tree is decorated with traditional ornaments, some of which were made by Janice's children when they were small, and a collection of Elvis ornaments.

The family's favorite Christmas movie, The Polar Express, plays in the theater room, and a train set displayed at the front of the room emphasizes the movie's theme.

The other rooms have not been left out of the decorating. In the back bedroom is a Santa tree, and in the master bedroom, a butterfly tree. The table in the dining room is set with burgundy and gold, and Norman Rockwell prints and mugs are on display in the kitchen.



KING HOME

Janice would like visitors to see all the family's trees, but especially the 2013 Senior tree on the enclosed porch. The tree is decorated in the school colors of purple and gold, and each member of the senior class has decorated a Christmas ball for the tree. Around the tree are items representing the seniors' school memories.

The lodge at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park is also decked out for the season. The lobby and fireside room were decorated by The Peach Tree Florist in Dawson Springs. The dining room trees were decorated by Teresa's Flowers & Gifts of Crofton. Lighted snowflakes along the drive and parking lot are a project of the Friends of Pennyrile organization. Snowflakes have been purchased by individuals and groups in memory or in honor of loved ones.

Light refreshments and cider will be served at the lodge. Park employees say a visit to Pennyrile is worth the trip.



BREANNA CUNNINGHAM (left) and Alysta Butts wait their turn to perform with the Dawson Springs Middle School Band at the lighting ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park Sunday, Dec. 2.

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ABOUT TOWN ***By Scott***

Snow Can Only Mean One Thing

It was barely seen and barely felt, but there's no doubt about it — the first snow of the season fell in Dawson Springs Monday.

I originally had doubts while walking Goldie early in the morning and feeling something on my face. But as the temperature dropped, my eyes then confirmed it — snow, miniature snow flakes.

Later, around noon, while at Huddleston Jewel Gallery in Madisonville, Ruby Hatley confirmed what I had suspected.

While I was talking with her, she said her husband Richard had called with the news — there were indeed snow flakes seen in Dawson Springs.

What will it be next? Christmas? Don't blink; if you do, it may pass right by.

And speaking of Christmas reminds me of past years and growing up in the big house on the end of South Main Street.

Our family always enjoyed Christmas — every thing about it — or that's how it seemed to one little boy.

We had a console AM/FM stereo phonograph in the living room. The floors in the old house would creak and shift when little boys ran through the house causing records to skip as they were being played.

All through the Christmas season Mom would play records on that old phonograph, which if I recall was a Christmas present one year purchased at Hamby TV Sales and Service.

Mom had several old Christmas albums — Ray Coniff Singers, several by Frank Sinatra and a couple of other collections of favorites.

But my very favorite Christmas album was "Happy Holidays" by Andy Williams, who also hosted Christmas specials on television for several years.

A few years ago Beth and I found the CD for that album. It's still a favorite, and we'll listen to it several times.

Andy Williams passed away this year but will be remembered during this time of year from now on, as will those wonderful memories of Christmases with a loving family in a big house in Dawson Springs.

After the Kentucky Wildcats' recent two-game losing streak this joke was going around. It was heard in Panther gym, told by Jerol Miller…

A fellow at the mall in Paducah had two tickets to a UK basketball game and left them on the dash of his vehicle while he went in to shop.

When he came out of the mall he was astounded to find his side glass had been broken.

He was even more astounded when he looked inside the vehicle — not only did he see his two UK tickets, but there were two more left on the dash with them.

Western Kentucky University seems to be taking a rather large gamble with the recent hire of Bobby Petrino as football coach.

To say Petrino carries with him a rather large amount of baggage is an understatement.

The folks in Bowling Green shouldn't be surprised if this hire blows up in their faces with plenty of egg to cover everyone involved.

But then again, if Petrino has indeed learned how to act, he's a proven coach who wins wherever he goes. Then he does just that — he goes on to bigger, better and more lucrative opportunities.

The rest of these are courtesy of our good friend Chip from The Times-Leader…

—There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman: Before marriage and after marriage.

— A famous admiral and an equally famous general were fishing together when a sudden squall came up. When it died down both eminent warriors were struggling helplessly in the water.

The admiral floundered his way back to the boat and pulled himself painfully in. Then he fished out the general, using an oar.

Catching his breath, he puffed: "Please don't say a word about this to anyone. If the Navy found I can't swim I'd be disgraced."

"Don't worry," the general said. "Your secret is safe. I'd hate to have my men find out I can't walk on water."

—A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those pretty 4-wheel drive vehicles?"

"She did," he replied, "but where in the world was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

—A lady lost her handbag at the mall while Christmas shopping. An honest young lad found it and returned it to her.

Looking in her purse, she said, "Hmmm, that's funny. When I lost my bag, there was a $20 bill in it. Now there are 20 $1 bills."

The boy replied, "That is funny. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

—The woman gave her daughter two sweaters for Christmas. The next time the daughter and her family visited, she made sure to wear one.

As they entered her mother's home, instead of the expected smile, she said, "What's the matter? You didn't like the other one?"

—When Kelli said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For quite some time, after finishing her nightly prayer, she would say, "And all girls." This became part of her nightly routine to include that closing.

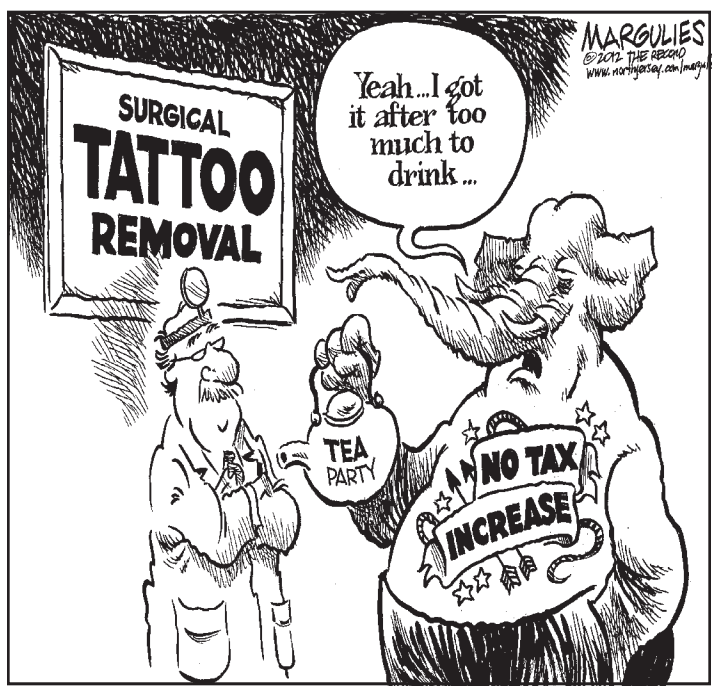
Her mother's curiosity got the best of her and she asked, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

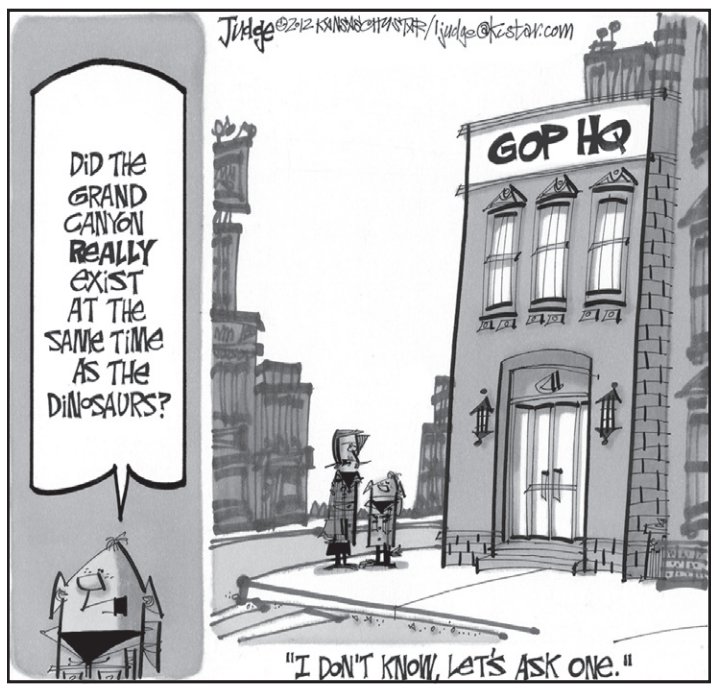
Her response, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men'!"

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COMMENTARY

Congress Is Dimly Viewed

By
Ted Carmines
Director of Research
Center on Congress
at Indiana University

As we move deeper into December, the question for Congress is this: Can members of the House and Senate do something to make the public feel more positive about Congress's competence, or will 2012 end on the familiar note of Americans taking an unrelievedly dim view of Congress'job performance?

According to data from a public opinion survey sponsored by the Center on Congress at Indiana University, "there's a quite decided, lopsided disapproval of Congress," said Edward G. Carmines, the Warner O. Chapman Professor and Rudy Professor of political science at Indiana University in Bloomington. "In our survey, it was 91 percent who disapprove and only 9 percent who approve.

"This is an old story about the modern Congress, but it's one that bears repeating," said Carmines. "In almost all areas, the electorate finds the Congress quite wanting. We asked them if they think Congress deals with key issues facing the country; if it keeps excessive partisanship in check; if it conducts the business of the country in a careful and deliberate way; if it holds members to high standards of ethical conduct; if it controls the influence of special interests.

"In each of these areas, the public rates Congress quite low. We asked them to grade Congress between A and F, and in almost every one of these instances, the grade is in the D range."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers Are Needed

Dear Editor,

The nursing homes here in Dawson Springs are really needing volunteers to help with Bingo. We play at Dawson Springs Health and Rehab (Water Street) on Tuesday mornings at 10 and at Tradewater (by the post office) on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30. All our volunteers are older ladies, and some of them have had to quit for health reasons. We are down to three, sometimes four, including myself.

It only takes about 45 minutes to play. The residents just love it and appreciate it so much. It really lifts my spirits to see how happy it makes them. We never have enough help. If anyone in the community has a couple of hours a week to spare, they would be rewarded by helping out.

You can call me, 797-8309, for information, or call the nursing home activity directors: Sherry McKnight at Dawson Springs Health and Rehab, 797-2025, and Lori Back at Tradewater, 797-8132.

Becky Solomon
Dawson Springs

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OTHER EDITORS

Constables' Time Should Be History

In bygone days, the constable once was a vital cog in the law enforcement machinery.

We were much more rural then, and coverage by state and county units was far more spotty, with unimproved roads and horse trails proving logistical barriers that are just not present in modern times.

Today, we are fortunate that government takes a vested interest in the security of its citizens, allocating numerous resources toward that end in manpower, training, equipment, etc. Modern policing techniques aid in ensuring a supremely efficient force capable of keeping the peace.

It wasn't always so. Earlier times were far more lawless; a bit of a free-for-all that necessitated gun ownership for safety, in addition to putting food on the table.

The constabulary — which in the Eastern Roman Empire was responsible for keeping the horses of a lord or monarch — filled that void where other officers could not, keeping incident response times as low as feasibly possible in horseback times. Later, in medieval times in England, those duties were expanded to general defense and as an informative role to the courts. In more recent times in our country, the constable could supplement his income by collecting fees for castrating livestock or putting down a mad dog (for one dollar each, duties still on the books in Kentucky) and other necessary tasks that come associated with an agrarian economy.

Nowadays, however, the position has become an anachronism at best, and at worst a refuge for untrained, wannabe cops out for thrills, chasing down speeders and making arrests — even shooting someone, as in a high-profile incident in Jefferson County — just because they can by virtue of election, and can afford the bond.

There have been several calls over the years for an abolition of the position, and count this editorial as one of them. It's just an unnecessary office in this day and age, but for whatever reason the Kentucky legislature has taken a pass on eliminating it, much the way it has when it comes to many other outdated laws on Kentucky's books.

Local governments — more specifically, fiscal courts — have the power to control certain aspects of the constable position. In Nelson County, officials didn't wait around for the General Assembly to break from tradition and do something proactive.

Judge-Executive Dean Watts set, and the Nelson Fiscal Court approved, the requirement for any constable to have a $1 million performance bond; required in order to match the $1 million liability insurance policy that the county covers.

"There is a lot of talk around the state of abolishing the constitutional office because this office isn't accountable to anyone," Watts said. "Not the county judge or the sheriff."

The bond has apparently proved onerous, as no one ran for the county's constable offices in the recent election. But if it's not going off the books, at least the position could be modernized, Watts said, perhaps in an administrative role as part of the Sheriff's Office, serving warrants and other papers. Training would also be a requirement, as would a more defined chain of command as far as to whom the constabulary was answerable.

One way or another, it should be altered, as should many of our state's outdated and obsolete statutes.

—The Kentucky Standard

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002.)

A late fall snow hit last week and closed school for two days.

The funeral for Mrs. Gertie Adcock English, 76, will be held today at 1 p.m. at Beshear Funeral Home.

A graveside service at Lafayette Cemetery was being planned earlier this week for Robert Harris Jr., 78.

Arrangements are pending at Beshear Funeral Home for Bertha Richmond Perkins, 100.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 17, 1987.)

A surprise birthday party was held Sunday, Dec. 13, for Mrs. F. H. "Daisy" Glover.

Mandy Adel Scott was born Tuesday, Dec. 8. She weighed six pounds and 12 ounces.

Services were held at Beshear Funeral Home Saturday morning, Dec. 12, for Natasha Michelle LaPradd, six month old infant.

Funeral for Harold Huff, 68, was held Friday morning, Dec. 11, at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 13, 1962.)

Jane Ellen Thomas was born Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Jennie Stuart Hospital in Hopkinsville. She weighed eight pounds and nine ounces.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Anna Jane (Jennie)Gray, 88, Saturday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

Prices taken from C's Star Market Ad:

Rib roast, lb. 49¢; Pork roast, lb. 39¢; Pillsbury or Ballard biscuits, 46 oz. can 45¢; Frozen french fries, 1 lb. box 29¢; Potatoes, 25 lb. bag, 89¢; Post corn flakes 18 oz. 29¢.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Dec. 14, 1799, George Washington, the first U.S. president, dies at age 67. Two days earlier, he rode out into a freezing sleet to survey business affairs on his estate. He returned home late for a dinner engagement and refused to take the time to change out of his wet clothes. The next day, Washington developed a severe respiratory infection and died the following day. His last words were "'Tis well."

• On Dec. 16, 1811, the greatest series of earthquakes in U.S. history begins in the Mississippi River Valley near New Madrid, Mo., when a quake of an estimated 8.6 magnitude slams the region. The earthquake raised and lowered parts of the Mississippi Valley by as much as 15 feet and changed the course of the Mississippi River.

• On Dec. 10, 1915, the one-millionth Ford car rolls off the assembly line at the River Rouge plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford sold more than 15 million Model Ts in all; they initially cost $850 (about $20,000 in today's dollars).

• On Dec. 11, 1946, the United Nations votes to establish the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to provide relief and support to children. Only two countries have failed to ratify the treaty -- Somalia and the United States.

• On Dec. 15, 1973, Sandy Hawley becomes the first jockey to win 500 races in a single year.

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Congress Is Dimly Viewed

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When the survey was conducted earlier this fall, public awareness was just beginning to build about the "fiscal cliff" now filling the headlines. "We didn't ask specifically about the 'fiscal cliff,' but we did ask how much compromise should be in play. And very strong majorities told us they prefer Congress to compromise to make good public policy, even in contrast to sticking to their own principles.

"If Congress were able to deal with something like the fiscal cliff in a way that showed compromise, the institution would certainly be held in higher esteem than it is now," Carmines said. "There's not much in the survey data showing that the public believes Congress can do that," he concedes. "But if Congress could compromise, they certainly would gain public support, because that's what the public's looking for."

Carmines said the public does understand that Congress "has a tough job." Those surveyed recognize "there's a wide diversity of opinion on most issues that come before Congress. But they don't think Congress works hard enough to resolve these differences."

Examining the relationship between citizens and Congress — how people learn about, interact with, and evaluate the institution and its members — has been an important focus for the Center on Congress since its founding in 1999.

The center regularly conducts public opinion polls to gauge if Americans feel Congress is relevant to their lives and is living up to the framers' expectation that it should be the responsive "people's branch" of the federal government. Overseeing this survey work is Professor Carmines, who also is the center's Director of Research.

The 2012 findings are based on a nationwide survey of 1000 people completed in September and October by the internet polling firm YouGov Polimetrix.

Below, Carmines offers his thoughts on other findings of the 2012 survey:

Incivility: "We asked several questions about incivility in Congress, and the news here is not good. People see incivility as a big problem. They think it's gotten worse over the last several years, and they think it will get worse in the future instead of getting better." Who's to blame? "They don't believe voters contribute to this. They believe the members themselves, party leaders, the media, and political campaigns exacerbate incivility."

Influence: "The survey asked, "What do you think is the main thing that influences what your members of Congress do in office?" The highest, 49 percent, said 'special interests.' Thirty-six percent said members are mainly influenced by their personal self-interest. Far below that, 9 percent said 'the interest of the people in their state or district,' and 5 percent 'the interest of the country as a whole.' To the question, "Do members of Congress care about what people like you think?" one percent said 'most of the time' and 31 percent said 'sometimes.' A whopping 67 percent said, 'No, not very often.'"

Citizenship: "Not only do those surveyed hold Congress in low regard, but also, when we asked them to evaluate their own performance as citizens — do they follow what's going on in Congress, do they contact members on issues that concern them, do they vote in presidential and congressional elections — they also give the public pretty low marks. We haven't seen this in some of the earlier surveys we've done; those showed that average citizens felt they didn't have much responsibility for what went on in Congress."

Communication: "There's a growing recognition of the importance of social media. People believe it's important now for members of Congress to develop a good Web site, to use online questions and surveys, to participate in Facebook and Twitter, to have regular e-mail contact with their constituents. It's not that they downplay the traditional — town hall meetings, and mailings and so forth — but added to this is what they see as an obligation now that members of Congress be highly involved in social media and other online outreach."

Impact: "Our survey found that people continue to see Congress as a very relevant and highly consequential institution, one with a lot of effect on their daily lives. They believe that Congress and the President in almost all areas — whether you're talking about the budget, or setting the agenda, or declaring war, or anything, really, of national importance — that it's the Congress *and* the President that ought to share responsibility. So, Congress is quite relevant to ordinary voters. But they also believe Congress is a dysfunctional institution."

The Center on Congress is supported in part by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research at IU Bloomington. For more information about the Center, go to www.centeroncongress.org.



MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs Jr. High School band perform during the lighting ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park Sunday, Dec. 2.

Law Enforcement Officers Honored For Good Work

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) honored 197 law enforcement officers from 164 agencies across the commonwealth for their efforts to target impaired drivers.

The 2012 Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards ceremony was held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites in Louisville. Awards were presented to officers with the most impaired driving arrests in each agency and division.

"Impaired driving is not an accident — it's an epidemic of careless disregard for human life," said KOHS Director Bill Bell, who presented the awards at the ceremony. "These officers, their departments and agencies render a great service for public safety by removing drunken and drugged drivers from our roads."

Last year, Kentucky recorded more than 5,600 crashes related to drugs and alcohol, resulting in 150 deaths and more than 3,000 injuries.

"Public safety improves exponentially every time an impaired driver is removed from the roadway," said Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "Were it not for the actions of these men and women, there would undoubtedly be more crashes, injuries or worse on our roadways."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 1 in 3 Americans will be impacted by a drunken driving crash in his or her lifetime.

"Research shows high-visibility enforcement reduces impaired-driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent," said NHTSA Region III Law Enforcement Liaison Bill Tower. "While many people are getting the message, there are still too many who just don't understand that alcohol and driving are a fatal combination."

Matt Jones with Kentucky Sports Radio recorded a public service announcement encouraging the use of designated drivers that airs during his daily radio show. Jones took the opportunity to praise the officers for their commitment to keeping Kentucky roads safe.

"Hard-working, high-profile coaches and athletes receive public recognition and accolades for their jobs," said Jones. "You are here today because of your hard work and dedication to your job of saving lives, and we value your efforts."

The officers on hand to be honored were to have included Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Anthony Rakes, who tied for highest number of impaired driving arrests within his agency. But Rakes died from gunshot wounds sustained during a Nov. 14 traffic stop. After a moment of silence, Rakes' award was accepted by Sheriff Jimmy Clements.

To raise awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and to alert the public of an increased enforcement presence over the holidays, the annual "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign will begin Dec. 14, and run through Jan. 1, 2013. This campaign is sponsored by NHTSA and the KOHS.

LETTERS

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Prices Are Too High

Dear Editor,

You can go in any direction from Dawson Springs, and that means north, east, west or south, and you will notice that gas is always cheaper. It is always lower priced in Hoptown, Princeton, Madisonville, Henderson and everywhere around Dawson Springs.

I asked somebody connected to the gas business about that. Why do they charge more for gas in Dawson Springs than in the towns around us? He told me they charge more here because they can. It's that simple. They charge more because they can. It's good for business, folks. If they charge more here, it must be better gas. Hmmm?

Merry Christmas, folks.

Richard Chiodo
Dawson Springs

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Boys Varsity Is Plagued By Injury And Illness

The Panther boys played their last two games short-handed with Austin Stevens missing games against Whitesville Trinity and Caldwell County with a hairline fracture in this wrist. Meanwhile, Tre Fambrough didn't make the trip Monday to Caldwell County due to flulike symptoms.

It's bad enough for a talented, deep team to play without two starters, but it's worse for a team with a short bench not to have their top two scorers available — and it showed.

The Panthers jumped on Trinity 13-7 after the opening period in Panther gym Saturday. But in the second quarter, Trinity pulled even at 25 when the halftime buzzer sounded. However, the Panthers were cold in the third quarter, scoring only four points, and fell behind 43-29 entering the final quarter.

"We pretty much did what we wanted in the first half even though Reed (Smiley) and Tre (Fambrough) were in foul trouble," coach Jeff Miller said.

Fambrough had two early fouls and sat out most of the first half.

Without Fambrough, the Raiders went on a run in the second quarter that would have been worse without the hot shooting of Colton Chapple who scored 10 points in the quarter including a 3-pointer at the buzzer to tie the game at 25.

But that was about it for the Panthers as a four-point third quarter dug the hole too deep even with Fambrough scoring 11 fourth-quarter points.

"We came out dead after halftime," Miller said. "They switched their defense, and we didn't adjust accordingly."

Fambrough scored a game-high 16 points while Chapple also reached double figures with 12. Smiley scored nine, all in the first quarter, while Brad Puckett scored four and T.J. Puckett scored two.

"If Austin had been in there it would have been a closer game," Miller said.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Smiley	3	1	5	9
Fambrough	5	5	4	16
Chapple	3	4	3	12
T. Puckett	1	0	2	2
B. Puckett	2	0	5	4
Adams	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	14	10	20	43

3-pointers: Smiley, 2, Chapple, 2, Fambrough

Trinity	7	25	43	61
Panthers	13	25	29	43

The short-handed Panthers traveled to Caldwell County Monday night for a district game with the Tigers that hopefully isn't indicative of the Panthers' chances in this year's district.

The Panthers scored only two points in the opening eight minutes to fall behind 25-2. After pouring in 11 second quarter points, the Panthers faced a 40-13 halftime deficit which swelled to 55-22 after three quarters and a 66-25 final score.

Smiley led the Panthers in scoring with 13 points. Chapple scored eight, and T.J. Puckett and Dylan Simpson each scored two.

The loss was the Panthers' fifth on the year in as many games.

The Panthers traveled to Livingston Central Tuesday. The score was not known at press time.

On Friday the Panthers visit Madisonville-North Hopkins for a boy/girl doubleheader. Beth Haven Christian school visits Panther gym Saturday.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Smiley	4	3	2	13
Chapple	3	0	2	8
Je. Adams	0	0	2	0
B. Puckett	0	2	1	2
Simpson	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	8	5	7	25

3-pointers: Smiley, 2, Chapple, 2

Panthers	2	13	22	25
Caldwell Co.	25	40	55	66



T.J. PUCKETT moves the ball up the court during the Panthers' game against Trigg County Tuesday, Nov. 27. Puckett added four points on the board in the Panthers' 53-49 loss to the Wildcats. Photo by Mike Howton

Panther Girls' Slow Starts Becoming A Bad Pattern

An early-season pattern has developed in the Panther girls' basketball games that coach Erik Peyton will be trying to change in upcoming games.

"We came out slow and sluggish and not ready to play," he said about Friday's home game with Warren East in which the Panthers fell behind early and lost 49-38.

He also said the same thing about Saturday's 62-36 loss at Fort Campbell.

Against Warren East the Panthers played the Raiders even in the second half but couldn't overcome their sluggish start in the first half which was compounded by making turnovers and allowing offensive rebounds.

The Panthers were down 12-6 after the first period and 23-12 after two quarters. The teams then played even with the Panthers on the short end of a 37-26 game after three quarters.

"We lost by 11 and it was 11 at halftime," Peyton said. "It took us until the third or fourth quarter to begin to attack the basket. But, the hole was dug too deep for us to get back in the game. "

On the bright side, the Panthers made 13 of 16 free throws for 81 percent. The Raiders made 10 of 17 for 58 percent.

Elizabeth Black led the Panthers in scoring with 12 points. Tayler Mills scored nine points; Shelby Loney had five; Lauren Menser and Andie Mills each scored four; and Allie Mills added two points.

"It's a hard pill to swallow when you know you could have done better," Peyton said.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
T. Mills	2	5	4	9
Black	3	6	1	12
Loney	2	0	4	5
Menser	1	2	2	4
Robinson	0	0	1	0
Winters	1	0	2	2
Al. Mills	1	0	0	2
An. Mills	2	0	0	4
Miller	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	12	13	16	38

3-pointers: Loney

Warren East	12	23	37	49
Panthers	6	12	26	38

In Saturday's game at Fort Campbell the Panthers started even slower, falling behind 11-3 after the opening period and 25-9 at halftime. However, in this game the Panthers didn't get it going in the third quarter either as they fell behind 49-16 entering the last quarter where they outscored the Falcons 20-13.

"We've been playing a quarter and a half or two quarters," Peyton said. "If they come out and play four quarters and don't turn the ball over, we will be okay."

The Panthers committed at least 13 turnovers in the first quarter.





ANDIE MILLS receives instructions from coach Erik Peyton before entering the Panther girls game against Warren East Friday, Dec. 7. Mills had four points in the game. Meanwhile, teammate Hannah Winters grabs a rebound despite her opponent's effort. The Lady Raiders beat the Panthers 49-38 at Panther gym.

Photos by Sheldon Mitchell

"They weren't forced turnovers," Peyton said. "We throw it to people that aren't open."

Tayler Mills tied for game-high honors with 20 points, making 10 of 13 free throws.

Menser scored six points; Black scored five; Loney had four; and Robinson scored one.

The Panthers and Falcons each made 14 of 24 free throws for 58 percent.

"The positive was they didn't give up in the end; they kept trying to battle," Peyton said.

The Panthers played at Lyon County Tuesday. The score was not known at press time.

Madisonville-North Hopkins will host the Panthers Friday as part of a boy/girl doubleheader. Greenwood visits Panther gym Saturday. The Gators are coached by Dawson Springs High School graduate Todd Tolbert.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
T. Mills	5	10	2	20
Black	1	3	4	5
Loney	2	0	4	4
Menser	2	0	5	6
Robinson	0	1	1	1
Bruch	0	0	1	0
Winters	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	10	14	18	36

3-pointers: Menser, 2

Panthers	3	9	16	36
Ft. Campbell	11	25	49	62

Boys JV Struggles To Put Points On Board

The boys junior varsity team has trouble putting points on the board. The Panthers were shut out in the fourth quarter Saturday against Whitesville Trinity and managed two points in the first and fourth quarters Monday at Caldwell County.

Both offensive lapses led to losses — 37-21 at home against Whitesville Trinity and 47-17 against Caldwell County.

The Panthers trailed in Saturday's game 7-4 after the first period, but then took the lead 15-13 at halftime on the strength of Dylan Simpson's three 3-point baskets in the second quarter. Whitesville pulled back ahead 25-21 after three quarters and then shut the Panthers out in the final frame.

Simpson led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 16 points. Jeremiah and Jacob Adams each scored two points as Tanner Adams made one point.

Against Caldwell County the Panthers faced an 11-2 deficit after the first quarter but seemed to show some life as they only trailed 21-10 at the half. The Tigers extended the lead to 32-15 after three quarters, and then the Panthers managed to score only two points the rest of the way.

Simpson scored eight points for the Panthers; Jacob Adams scored four; Dakota Matheny hit a 3-pointer; and Kevin Cummins added two points.

Comeback Not Enough To Push JV Girls To Win

A furious comeback wasn't enough for the Panther girls junior varsity Saturday at Fort Campbell where the Falcons held on to defeat the Panthers 28-27. This was the Panthers' third loss in as many games.

The Panthers trailed at each quarter stop, 6-5, 16-9 and 24-13 before outscoring the Falcons 14-4 in the final period.

Malaia Miller led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 12 points. Allie Mills scored six; Bradleigh Bruch added three; and Andie Mills, Shelby Loney and Erin Woolsey each scored two points for the Panthers.

The previous night the Panthers couldn't score and were beaten 29-11 by Warren East at Panther gym.

The Panthers trailed 6-4 after the opening quarter, 13-6 at halftime and 20-9 after three quarters.

Miller scored six for the Panthers; Loney added four; and Tiki Robinson made a free throw for one point.



RYAN LINTON, a 16-year-old junior at Hopkins Country Central High School, killed this 8-point buck during deer season on his family's farm in Hopkins County. submitted photo

UK, U Of L Athletics Have No Fiscal Cliff

Sports In Kentucky



Bob Watkins

Kicking the can, uh, football down the road.

Charlie Strong is staying. Willie Taggart is going. Joker Phillips is gone.

And, Mark Stoops has a staff in place a fortnight before Christmas.

Each has its own wow factor depending on your field position.

Here are a few of mine.

√ Strong re-affirmed his commitment to Louisville last week, but not before flirting with Tennessee until Tom Jurich sweetened his contract.

√ Willie Taggart turned Hilltoppers football around, "saved football at Western Kentucky U.," some say. Certainly he changed attitudes and the culture as the Toppers go bowling three years after owning D-I's longest losing streak.

WKU director of athletics Todd Stewart said, "I want our fans to know we made every effort to retain Coach Taggart as our head coach.

"I initially met with him during our bye week in early October and told him we had raised sufficient private funds to offer him a package that could make him the highest paid coach in the Sun Belt Conference."

Taggart opted to go home to South Florida.

The cynic in me believes Taggart went home not for the weather, recruiting against the other Florida(s), and only maybe for a job with national title possibility, but for the money, $5.75 million over five years. (good luck after year three).

What's the upside for WKU? South Florida must play a home-and-home series with Western in the future. And, Taggart owes Western $500,000.

√ At Kentucky, a honeymoon.

Some of the sounds emanating from Lexington this week include...

• Clucking around Big Blue Nation about a youth-emphasized football coaching staff in place with multiple ties to the commonwealth.

• Bells and whistles. Coach Mark Stoops said last week: "This is the SEC. It's a physical conference. I want to be tough and be physical. We have to build this foundation with great defense. There's no way around it. If you don't play great defense, you're not going to win consistently."

This week, Stoops could add, "Ladies and gentlemen, we got him!"

Neal Brown is offensive coordinator. A disciple of air raid offense, the Danville native and UK walk-on made Texas Tech's offense second-best-in-the-nation passing with 361 yards per game in 2012.

Lexington won't name any streets for Brown just yet, but optimism is soaring.

This week, Stoops, Brown and others are out beating the bushes for WRs and TEs. That's code for pass catchers.

Cha-ching! That's the sound of ticket sales for University of Kentucky football 2013.

Dismiss all sunny pronouncements from UK athletics department spokespeople but rely on common sense that says home games with Louisville, Florida, Alabama, Missouri and Tennessee will be hot and scalp-price worthy.

Why ignore UK athletics releases? Because of credibility. This is the agency that reported 130,000 empty seats at seven home games last season as attendance. (Cheers to the Lexington Herald-Leader for uncovering the lie).

√ Buzz. Mark Stoops is a veritable pup in his profession at 45 years old. Interestingly, he is clearly the senior member of a kiddie corps coaching staff.

Defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot is 36; offensive coordinator Neal Brown is 32; line coach John Schlarman is 32; and running backs coach Chad Scott is 29.

FISCAL CLIFF(s) WATCH

In Louisville, after the pomp and you-are-my-hero ceremony for Charlie Strong for doing the right thing, and back slaps for Tom Jurich's uh, fiscal genius, there is the backstory.

Strong's testy denials of job offer rumors aside, the ball coach found new voice for his principles on loyalty (to recruits and ticket buyers) and commitment (to fulfill his contract). But it didn't happen until after…

• A flirtation with Tennessee, maybe Auburn, too.

• He was reminded a Sugar Bowl date awaits; Teddy Bridgewater and several pals return next season; and ACC membership just over the horizon means a broader (and richer) media market.

• And of course, Jurich threw more money — extending Strong's $2.3 million a year contract to eight.

Context? Before another Louisville football season kicks off, undergraduates face a six percent tuition increase.

Nevermind. U of L Athletics is in fine shape. No fiscal cliff problem here.

In Lexington the pomp and ceremony for Mark Stoops' arrival projected no concern for a fiscal cliff either.

With Joker Phillips gone with a $2 million-plus buy-out guarantee coupled with 130,000 empty seats last season, the athletic department must face a budget shortfall, right? Apparently not.

The price tag for a "Welcome to Kentucky, coach Stoops!" celebration: $40,000.

Context? In a letter I received from University of Kentucky recently titled "Annual Giving," the second paragraph said: "More than at any other time, we are dependent upon private gifts from UK alumni and friends to help us make the University of Kentucky educational promise a reality…".

Budget problems? UK athletics is in fine shape. No fiscal cliff problem here.

ONE AND DONE UPDATE

Ex-Kentucky shootist Doron Lamb is averaging four points in 13 minutes a game for the Milwaukee Bucks; Marquis Teague averages 0.9 points per game as a Chicago Bulls benchwarmer.

Anthony Davis has missed a month (11 games), but may return to the New Orleans lineup next week.

John Wall has not practiced or played a minute for the Washington Wizards this season.

And, ex-Wildcat Terrence Jones was sent to the NBA's Developmental League last week.

Never mind. All are 20-something millionaires.

PARTING SHOT

From the late Beano Cook: "You only have to bat a thousand at two things; flying and heart transplants. Everything else you can go four for five.

And so it goes.

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KENTUCKY AFIELD OUTDOORS

Live Bait Is Still Best Choice For Winter Smallmouth Bass

By
Lee McClellan

It is easy to lose your way with so many new technological advancements hitting the market in the fishing world each year. You want to try the new developments, presentations and techniques because you don't want to fall behind.

You try new lures or presentations and eschew what's worked countless times. Similar to when you learn to cook more exotic foods, you try to prepare something much more complicated, miss a step in the process and it turns out nasty. The not-quite-right meal makes you think a plain old pork roast with mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and a nice salad would have tasted much better than the gourmet mess you made that your dog won't eat.

I had a similar experience last weekend. My old fishing buddy James Charas and I headed to Lake Cumberland in one of our annual winter trips for smallmouth bass. I came with two rods: one strung for fishing a big, heavy jig deep and the other with heavier line than I normally use for winter smallmouths, but I felt confident. It was new, high quality fluorocarbon that costs nearly 20 bucks a spool.

I had a friend and co-worker do incredibly well on a tough, cold day on Dale Hollow Lake in late December a couple of years ago by fishing a heavy football jig deep and slow. I really wanted to catch a big smallmouth bass that way as well.

James came with two rods, one for fishing live shiners and the other for fishing a smaller, lighter jig. I didn't get to fish my jig much in the first few hours because I was too busy netting James' nice smallmouths. As soon as I would get settled in working my heavy jig way out from the bank on deep points, I heard, "get the net."

James didn't fall for trying something new. He stayed with the tried and true and threw a live shiner. Nothing out-fishes live bait for winter smallmouth bass on lakes such as Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow or Laurel River Lake, no matter how many new lures come down the pike. The float and fly presentation can come close at times, but the real thing is the real deal.

Part of my stubbornness rests in a deeply held idea that catching big smallmouths on lures is nobler than using live bait. This is a commonly held feeling throughout the fishing world, especially with trout anglers.

There is nothing noble about watching your fishing partner catch all of the fish because they had enough sense to use what worked best that day. Anglers fishing a large smallmouth bass tournament on Dale Hollow Lake on the same day struggled to catch many fish.

I know live bait isn't allowed in bass tournaments, but the live shiner turned what could've been a tough day into a royal field day, culminating in a 22-inch long pig of a smallmouth. He caught seven smallmouth before fishing cooled off in the afternoon; the smallest was 18 inches long.

Another commonly held belief is live bait fishing comes easy and requires little skill. Live bait fishing improved my lure fishing because it taught me the value of concentration and the art of locating fish. You don't just throw out a live shiner and read the paper, drink a cup of coffee and reel in fish. It takes skill.

Use medium-sized shiners for smallmouth bass. Large crappie minnows will work in a pinch and cost much less, but shiners seem to catch more big ones. Use a 1, 2 or 1/0 sized Octopus style hook and run it through the lips of the shiner. Attach a couple of BB split shot weight about 18- to 24-inches above the hook. Circle hooks work okay for still fishing live bait, but they bring lost fish and frustration when casting shiners.

When you cast a shiner near a smallmouth, they usually take it gently and don't swim off with it. You often don't get the tension necessary for the fish to imbed the circle hook in its jaw. You'll lift the rod and reel to keep tension, but you just end up leading the smallmouth. Eventually, they detect something funny and drop your shiner.

With an Octopus style hook, wait several seconds after the take and set the hook. If you stay on your toes, gut hooks are exceedingly rare.

Use an underhand or sidearm cast with a 6 1/2-foot to 7 1/2-foot long medium-light or medium power spinning rod to fish the shiner. Avoid a rod that is too stiff or it will throw the shiner off the hook, but a rod too wimpy loses sensitivity. Spool the reel with 4- to 8-pound line; those with a monofilament core and fluorocarbon coating work really well for shiner fishing as does straight fluorocarbon.

Cast the shiner to points or featureless "nothing" banks near deep water in the lower end of Lake Cumberland, from Low Gap Island to the dam, the lower sections of the Wolf River arm and Illwill Creek in Dale Hollow and the Spruce Creek arm of Laurel River Lake. The drawdown of Lake Cumberland means anglers without boats may walk much of the shoreline in the lower lake with a bucket of large crappie minnows and fish points for smallmouths.

James swims his shiners by letting them sink near bottom and reeling them back in a slow, rhythmic retrieve. It requires patience and concentration to fish them this way, as opposed to beating the bottom. You cover much more of the water column with this retrieve and pick off those idle smallmouths suspended somewhere between the surface and bottom, their location for much of winter.

Slip on some coveralls, fill the front pockets with handwarmers, get a pound of shiners and head to Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow Lake or Laurel River Lake. An afternoon of catching big smallmouth bass beats football on television every time.

MSU Basketball Player Indicted By Grand Jury

By
John Wright
Murray Ledger & Times

A Calloway County grand jury issued indictments Dec. 6 against Murray State University basketball player Zaveral "Zay" Jackson for his alleged role in a September incident at the Murray Walmart.

The grand jury indicted Jackson, 20, a native of Hammond, La., now living in Murray, on one count of assault 2nd degree and one count of wanton endangerment 1st degree for allegedly striking two people with his car on Sept. 9. Jackson could face five to 10 years in prison for the assault count and one to five years for the wanton count, if convicted, it was reported.

Jackson was originally charged with two counts of assault 2nd degree, but a pretrial diversion agreement he reached with the Commonwealth Attorney's office amended the assault charges, Class C felonies, to wanton endangerment 1st degree, which is Class D.

That agreement called for a 30-day jail sentence among other conditions, but was nullified when Calloway Circuit Judge Dennis Foust recused himself on Oct. 14 just before he was to have imposed Jackson's sentence. The agreement then was rejected altogether when Judge Craig Clymer, a McCracken Circuit Judge, was appointed to the case and insisted that any plea deal include a one-year jail sentence with shock probation (a condition where a defendant is released early from jail) — as he felt 30 days was not enough. This also came after the victims reportedly expressed dissatisfaction with the sentence before Foust made his decision to recuse.

Jackson and attorney Gary Haverstock then rejected Clymer's offer in a status hearing Nov. 21 in Calloway Circuit Court, setting up the grand jury's action Thursday.

Jackson was scheduled to appear in Calloway Circuit Court Dec. 11 for his formal arraignment on the charges for which he was indicted. Murray State suspended Jackson for the current season after Foust's recusal.



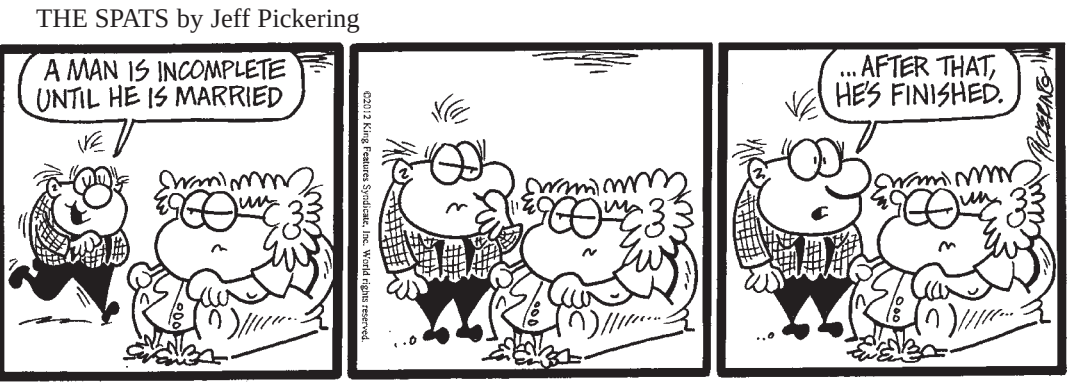




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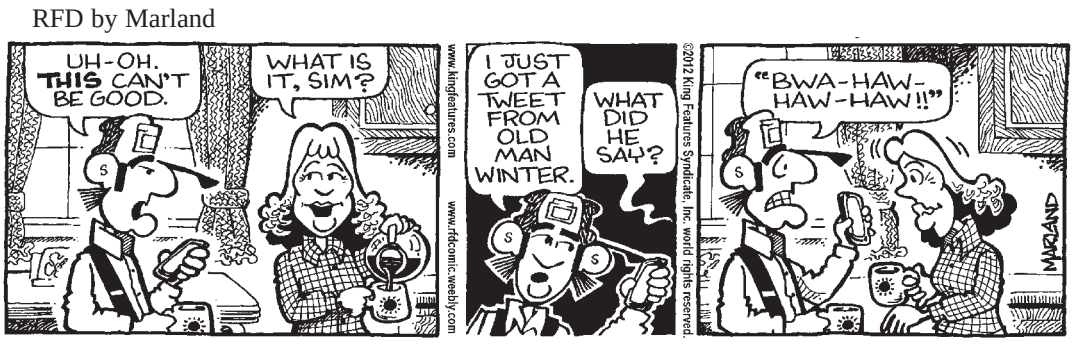
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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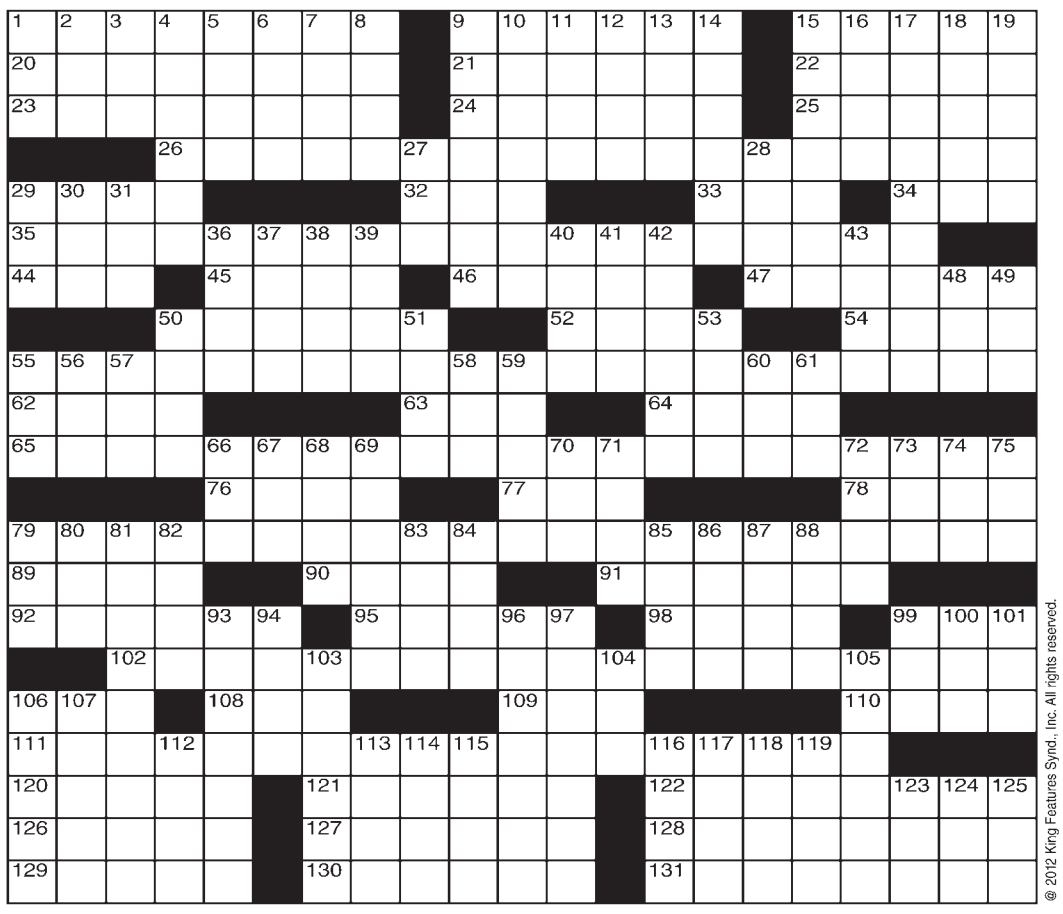
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SUPER CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Fellow crew member
9 Social levels
15 Set of morals
20 Food of the gods
21 Orange-and-black bird
22 Hotel queen Helmsley
23 Camp shelter with a rounded roof
24 1982 Fleetwood Mac hit
25 City on the Rhone River
26 Start of a riddle
29 Skiing need
32 Sterile hosp. areas
33 Make believe
34 Mag. team
35 Riddle, part 2
44 Category
45 Oft-dunked cookie
46 Knocked off
47 "Hava —" (Jewish folk song)
50 12-step affiliate group
52 Neutral, e.g.
54 Certain Scot
55 Riddle, part 3
62 Congeal
63 Here, to Pierre
64 Help wrongly
65 Riddle, part 4
76 Anecdote
77 Roxy Music's Brian
78 "— Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
79 Riddle, part 5
89 Guesstimate words
90 Gas in lights
91 Nebraska natives
92 Neighbor of Croatia
95 Jury's event
98 "The heat —!"
99 Longoria of TV
102 End of the riddle
106 "Gimme —!" (start of a cheer at Iowa)
108 Cartoon shriek
109 "— Town"
110 "I do," e.g.
111 Riddle's answer
120 Part of POW
121 City in southwest Ireland
122 "Get Smart" star
126 — -Turkish War
127 Some fishers
128 Optometric exams
129 Paint coat
130 Can't stand
131 Sudden drop

DOWN
1 Doleful
2 Doc bloc
3 Big name in early PCs
4 Before a big early 20th-cen. conflict
5 Light-loving insect
6 Cruising
7 Color shade
8 Scarfs down
9 Accomplices
10 Stimulation
11 Window component
12 Rundgren or Bridges
13 Tickled red Muppet
14 Spotted in the vicinity of
15 Hyundai model
16 Byte beginner
17 Of detective Sherlock
18 "— some advice"
19 Houses, to Jorge
27 Tillage tool
28 Inflation subj.
29 Biol. or zool.
30 Bobby Orr's org.
31 With 113-Down, acorn producer
36 — me tangere (touch-me-not)
37 Port near Algiers
38 — shui
39 Carrot, e.g.
40 Othello's betrayer
41 Gladly
42 Speak sharply to
43 Waffle brand
48 Grassy tract
49 Wholly
50 High: Prefix
51 Film style
53 Yank rivals
55 Learning loc.
56 1960s TV Tarzan Ron
57 Kirk's diary
58 M.Sgt., e.g.
59 Cube's six
60 Home: Abbr.
61 Erwin of early films
66 King James Bible suffix
67 Rural "uh-uh"
68 Personal flair
69 Old Spanish money
70 Pa's bro
71 North Pacific salmon
72 Smokes
73 Old witch
74 — Darya River
75 Singer Cooke
79 Irate crowd
80 Spanish gold
81 Ill-fated 1940s warship
82 "Sula" author Morrison
83 Tooted thing
84 Camelot wife
85 Discharge
86 Seattle loc.
87 Flapjack eatery, briefly
88 Mama's ma
93 Not correct
94 To — (perfectly)
96 Penitent types
97 Least soft
99 Pindar's H
100 Dog treater
101 Eruption emission
103 Did an axel
104 Sky sphere
105 Laid turf on
106 Seething
107 U.S.-Can.-Mex. pact
112 Cube of hay
113 See 31-Down
114 Desist
115 Sheltered, nautically
116 Garden west of Nod
117 Vary wildly
118 Billfold fillers
119 — the Great (kiddie-lit detective)
123 "A Fool Such —"
124 "Jersey Shore" airer
125 Compass dir.



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SOAP BUBBLES

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Caroline was determined to tell Liam how his father betrayed him. Brooke found it hard to shake the unforgettable dream she had. Rick was shocked when Brooke defended Bill's blackmailing of Deacon. Hope privately told Liam that she wanted him back. Thomas flaunted the fact that he was the majority shareholder at Forrester Creations. Instead of revealing Bill's secret, Caroline simply told Liam that Hope was still in love with him. Rick and Eric teamed up to try to bring Thomas -- and his ego -- down. Thomas gave Rick an ultimatum at work. Wait to See: Taylor is shocked by what she overhears. Katie apologizes to Bill.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Daniel pushed Jennifer away after realizing that he would never practice surgery again. Eric continued to be disturbed by nightmares. Nick offered to take responsibility for Gabi's baby. Meanwhile, Sonny remained clueless that Will was really the father. Sami found herself thinking about Rafe while working with EJ. Marlena found Kristen and Brady in bed together. Maggie blamed Jennifer for giving Daniel false hope. Nicole followed Daniel to the island.



Jacob Young is "Rick" on "The Bold and The Beautiful"

Abigail was jealous when she heard that Cameron was dating someone else. After arguing with Daniel and Nicole, Jennifer collapsed from a ruptured appendix. Wait to See: John walks in on Kristen and Brady. Gabi is suspicious of Sonny.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Helena was tricked into returning to Wyndemere. Duke invited Anna away on a romantic getaway. Blair demanded that the CIA tell her how Tomas was connected to Alcazar. Carly defended Todd after Blair attacked him. Maxie told Spinelli about her plan to be Lulu's surrogate. Sam saw AJ's vulnerable side. Felicia tried to talk Maxie out of carrying Lulu's baby. Michael discovered that Sonny kidnapped Connie. Molly was upset to learn that her manuscript had been deleted. Faison continued to strategize on how to fool Anna. Olivia had a premonition of Lulu holding a wolf-like baby. AJ felt confident that he would beat the charges. Sabrina sought out Lucy Coe to help plan the Nurse's Ball. Wait to See: Anna is on the verge of a major discovery. Patrick sees Robin.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Avery encouraged Nick to invest in a new nightclub. Billy fought to save his marriage. Summer blamed Phyllis for breaking up their family. Jack continued to feed his pill addiction. Chelsea accused Adam of having an emotional affair with Sharon. Leslie and Neil flirted at work. Lauren encouraged Fen to spend more time with Jamie and less with Summer. Nick warned Adam not to take advantage of Sharon's fragile psyche. Jack became more irritable as his pills wore off. Nikki and Victor threw a party at their new penthouse, where Sharon surprised Victor at the door. Wait to See: Nikki accuses Sharon of arson. Avery confides in Nick about her past.

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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Cancer Vaccine for Young Girls

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please advise about the Gardasil vaccine. My granddaughter just turned 18 (to date, no sexual activity -- really) and begins college next year. Her doctor is pushing the vaccine for her and for her just-turned-14 sister. I value your common-sense approach to medical issues. What do you recommend? -- S.B.

ANSWER: Without any hesitation, I recommend wholeheartedly the vaccine for protection against the human papillomavirus. It's the virus that causes cervical cancer. Gardasil protects against the most common strains of cancer-causing papillomavirus, strains 16 and 18.

This vaccine is a medical breakthrough. Never has there been a vaccine for protection from any cancer.

Your granddaughters are not too young. The recommendation suggests that the vaccine be given when a girl is 11 or 12, but it can still be given up to age 26.

For best effectiveness, it should be given before a girl has had any sexual encounters. The human papillomavirus is extremely widespread, and exposure to the virus before the vaccine has been given lessens the vaccine's ability to protect against the virus and the cancer it causes.

A second papillomavirus vaccine is also on the market. It's called Cervarix.

The booklet on cervical cancer and Pap smears discusses these topics in greater detail. It does not discuss the vaccines. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 1102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for $4.75 U.S./$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow three to four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a question about diabetes. My husband has it. He saw a doctor on a television program who said that taking 2 teaspoons of red vinegar at lunch and dinner lowers your blood sugar a lot. Do you think this is true? Should sweetener be added, or water? -- N.F.

ANSWER: I believe you're referring to the work of Carol Johnston, Ph.D., a professor in the nutrition department of Arizona State University. She showed that taking 2 tablespoons of vinegar before or during a meal lowers the sudden spike in blood sugar that happens with eating. Such spikes are not good if they are very high and occur often. They disturb blood sugar control.

This isn't a cure for diabetes. It might be a help for sugar control. Your husband should not stop using his diabetes medicines or abandon his diabetic diet.

I don't know why the TV doctor insisted on red vinegar. Dr. Johnston didn't. You can take the vinegar along with olive oil as a salad dressing. You can dilute it in water if you want. You can add an artificial sweetener to it if the sweetener doesn't say not to. And you can start with the TV doctor's recommendation of 2 teaspoons instead of 2 tablespoons. See if the 2 teaspoons work. If it doesn't, increase the dose until you reach the 2 tablespoons.

Are you sure your husband tolerates vinegar? I guess there's only one way to find out.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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TRIVIA TEST

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a philographist?
2. TELEVISION: Which actor played the character of "Fonzie" on "Happy Days"?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book "Matilda"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What tiny principality lies between Spain and France?
5. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, what was the Hydra?
6. FOOD & DRINK: What is muesli?
7. ART: Where is the Uffizi museum?
8. MEASUREMENTS: What does a kelvin measure?
9. MOVIES: What spell is used to disarm opponents in the "Harry Potter" movies?
10. ANATOMY: Where is the latissimus dorsi muscle located on the human body?

Answers
1. Someone who collects autographs
2. Henry Winkler
3. Roald Dahl
4. Andorra
5. A many-headed monster whose heads could grow back if they were cut off
6. Breakfast cereal with fruit and nuts
7. Florence, Italy
8. Temperature
9. "Expelliarmus!"
10. Back

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A Deductible Deduction

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 9 4
♥ A 3
♦ 9 6
♣ K 9 8 7 2

WEST
♠ 6 2
♥ K J 7 5 4
♦ K Q J 10
♣ 10 3

EAST
♠ 7 5
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ Q J 6

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 8 3
♥ Q 6
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 5 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠		

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The most difficult part of declarer play is to determine how the defenders' cards are divided and where certain key cards are located. Fortunately, there are clues in almost every hand that should enable declarer to achieve this goal and so allow him to attain the maximum result possible.

Consider this case where South failed to take advantage of a significant clue. West led the king of diamonds, which held, and continued with the ten, won by East with the ace. East returned the ten of hearts, covered by the Q-K-A. South later lost a heart and a club, and so went down one.

On the surface, it seems that South did nothing wrong. He had four losers, and he lost them. But it is not that cut-and-dried. The fact is that South missed his cue when he covered East's ten of hearts with the queen. He should have played the six instead!

Undoubtedly, he played the queen in the hope of finding East with the king. However, this was not a realistic view, since the defenders could have arranged for West to be on lead at trick three instead of East, and would have done so if East had had the king of hearts. Their plays clearly indicated that West had the king.

Had South played the six on the ten, he could have made the contract by taking the ace, drawing trumps, ruffing a diamond in dummy, cashing the A-K of clubs and then leading a heart to the queen.

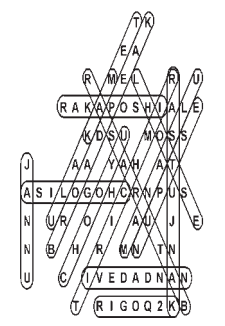
West would take the king, but, with only hearts and diamonds left, he would be forced to return one or the other. This would allow declarer to ruff in dummy while discarding his remaining club, and the seemingly unmakable contract would come sailing home.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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6	8	3	9	7	5	2	4	1
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7	1	8	5	4	3	9	6	2
3	4	9	8	6	2	7	1	5
5	9	1	3	2	8	4	7	6
8	7	6	4	5	9	1	2	3
4	3	2	6	1	7	5	8	9

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HOROSCOPES

SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make a start on that new workplace challenge. But get more information before you find yourself too deeply involved without knowing in which direction you should go.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might find things becoming tedious as your schedule slows down for the holidays. Use this time to get information about a possible post-New Year job change.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The creative Twin finds outlets for her or his ideas in the early part of the week. The practical Twin takes it a step further and rallies support to turn the ideas into reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's time to stop being intimidated by someone's negative behavior. Start taking positive steps on your own to help strengthen your position down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Look closely at that so-called golden opportunity. Best to be a cautious Cat who approaches things slowly, than one who pounces without knowing where you'll land.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your apology can resolve that personal situation before it overshadows the holidays. You'll feel better, even if you're only partly to blame for what happened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Avoid overtaxing yourself, even if your energy levels are high and you feel that you can do it all. Best to pace yourself so you won't run yourself down before the holidays.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your sense of humor helps get you through a stressful period. Some of your quick quips can take the edge off any remaining negativity being aimed at you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your artistic talents not only help you express yourself these days, but they also set up a line of communication between you and someone very special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's fine to appreciate the importance of "proper form" for doing things. But relax a bit in order to allow newcomers on the project to feel less intimidated by you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Use your boundless reserve of optimism to persuade others to work with you to resolve a difficult workplace problem before it can ruin your holiday fun.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You brim over with self-confidence as you begin to tackle a new challenge. And, before you know it, you're not alone: Others have taken the plunge with you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a highly defined sense of commitment to others. You would make a fine social worker.

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Pennyrile Park Schedules Round-Robin Tournaments

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park is hosting a round-robin Rook tournament Jan. 12-13 starting Friday at 7 p.m. and running through Saturday evening. House rules will apply.

The registration fee is $25 per team and includes a new deck of Rook cards. Register at least one week prior to the event to receive a $5 discount.

Prizes will be given to the top three teams. A lodging discount of buy one night get the second night free is available for Rook participants.

Contact Rebecca Clark at 1-800-325-1711 or rebeccae.clark@ky.gov for more information.

Another rook tournament is scheduled at Rough River Dam State Resort Park at Falls of Rough on Jan. 18-19 and starts at 6 p.m. Friday. The registration is $20 per team plus a new deck of Rook cards.

Lodging packages start at $87.50 per person and include four meals and lodging for two nights (pricing based upon double occupancy).

For more information, call 270-257-2311 or 1-800-325-1713.



KARA MCKNIGHT has a comfortable seat as she watches the Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 2.

State Christmas Ornament Now On Sale In Frankfort

Just in time for holiday gift giving, the Finance and Administration Cabinet's Division of Historic Properties announced the release of the 2012 Kentucky State Capitol ornament, the 10th in this limited-edition series.

This year's ornament is a handcrafted replica of the Old Governor's Mansion carved in fine detail from Kentucky Maple and Cherry.

Made in Kentucky by K&M Crafts of Campbellsville, this keepsake can be hung from its ribbon or the hook can be easily removed to display as a paperweight or desk object. They are available in limited quantities, each individually signed and numbered by the artist. The three-dimensional ornament features the signatures of Gov. Steve Beshear and first lady Jane Beshear and the commonwealth seal. An included brochure gives a brief history of the historic c.1798 mansion.

"The Kentucky Old Governor's Mansion ornament celebrates the past, present and future of the oldest executive residence still used in the United States," said David Buchta, director of the Division of Historic Properties.

Proceeds generated from the sale of this year's commemorative ornament will benefit the Division of Historic Properties' endowment fund to support its mission to preserve the mansion for future generations.

The ornaments cost $25 each and may be viewed and purchased in-person or online. For online purchases, go to the Kentucky Division of Historic Properties' Web site at historicproperties.ky.gov/ and click on the eBay store, Historic Properties. Ornaments will also be sold in Frankfort at the State Capitol tour desk and the Frankfort/Franklin County Tourism and Convention Commission. For more information or to order by phone, call (502) 564-3449 or (502) 564-0900.



LOCAL winners at the Future Education competition Thursday, Nov. 29, at Western Kentucky University are (from left) Alyssa Reese, second place in impromptu speaking; and Whitney Copeland and Sarah McCraw, third place for their video. submitted photo

Pet Pictures Are Ready At The D.S. Branch Library

Pet pictures with Mrs. Claus made at the Darby House Saturday are available to be picked up at the Dawson Springs Branch Library.

The photography event was a fund-raiser for the Hopkins County Humane Society animal shelter.



THE Hopkins County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during a December 7 recognition and awards program in Louisville. Acepting the award is Shawn Brumfield (center) from David S. Beck (right) Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and John Sparrow (left) vice president agency support and marketing of KFB Ins. Companies. submitted photo

Kyle Menser Is Recognized

Kyle Menser of Dawson Springs earned President's List honors in the ADVANTAGE Program at Mid-Continent University.

To achieve the President's List, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Menser, a graduate of Dawson Springs High School, is a member of the Distance Learning 15 Cohort.

Homemakers To Meet At Park

Pennyrile Homemakers will meet at 6 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park for a Christmas dinner.

All spouses or significant others are invited to attend.

Mark Wayne Adams Inc. Buys 'Best Fairy Books'

Mark Wayne Adams Inc. will purchase Best Fairy Books from Bobbie and Harry Hinman. Adams has played an active role in the production of the fairy book series, illustrating The Belly Button Fairy and The Fart Fairy, and representing the books at events nationwide. The sale is scheduled to take place officially Jan. 1.

With the transfer, customers will benefit by having the choice of even more books, merchandise and events through the direction of Mark Wayne Adams Inc.

The Best Fairy Books Web site, www.bestfairybooks.com, will continue to host the book series under Adams' direction. All contact for book sales and speaking engagements after Jan. 1 will be through Mark Wayne Adams Inc.

The Freckle Fairy will be the next book set to release in the fall of 2013.



BRODY HALL enjoys a sucker while watching the Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 2, in downtown Dawson Springs.



JESSIEANNE Wells, Kentucky State Regent, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution presents DAR's National Americanism Award to Ratilal Gajera, MD, medical director, Oncology, Jennie Stuart Medical Center at the DAR Colonel John Green Chapter meeting in Hopkinsville on Dec. 8, 2012. DAR honored Dr. Gajera for organizing the Indian Physicians Alliance which has pledged to donate $200,000 to the community over a five-year period. submitted photo



MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs High School Future Education Association who participated in a statewide competition Thursday, Nov. 29, at Western Kentucky University are (from left) Logan Davenport, Sarah McCraw, Alyssa Reese, Whitney Copeland, Jalyn Walls, and Bradleigh Bruch. submitted photo



WATCHING the Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 2, are Brooke Barnett and son Cade, 2, along with the family pet Mollie.